The saving on account of aided schools is roughly Rs. 38,000 and of Sirkar institutions Rs. 3,060.

Chief Court Judges.

82. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of—

(1) Caste-Hindus
(2) Non-Caste Hindus
(3) Christians
(4) Jews
and (5) Muslims

who held the office of the Judges of the Chief Court from the beginning of its constitution till now, or, if that is not possible, as far back as information is available ?

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—The figures for the period from the date of the constitution of the Chief Court till now are—

(1) Fourteen.
(2) Nil.
(3) Eight.
(4) Nil.
(5) Nil.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know why Judges from other communities have not been appointed in the Chief Court ?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Mr. Sankara Menon, the Member in charge of that Department, is unfortunately absent, and there is none in a position to give the necessary information.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I am putting the question to the Government, and there is the Government to answer.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—If the question will be repeated, I will try to answer if I can.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know why Judges from other communities have not been appointed in the Chief Court ? From the answer it is clear that Christians and Caste-Hindus only have been the Judges in the Chief Court. What is the reason for that ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Most probably applications from men of other communities may not have come or even if received they might not have been considered suitable.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Do the Government call for candidates ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They do not call for specific applications.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Then how do they fill up the vacancies?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Even without calling, applications do come. If they do not get in sufficient numbers, they will necessarily call for them.

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Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Am I to understand that they had applications without calling for them ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They had.

Meeting of the Kunnamkulam Town Improvement Committee.

83. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state when was the last meeting of the Kunnamkulam Town Improvement Committee held, and if no meeting of the Committee has been held in 1104, what is the reason for it ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The last meeting of the Town Improvement Committee was held in 1103. Three meetings have been called in 1104, but none could be held for want of quorum, the President and the Secretary being the only members present on all the occasions.

Public Library and Reading Room in Kunnamkulam.

84. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform whether they have not received any representation for maintaining or aiding a Public Library and Reading Room at Kunnamkulam, and if so, whether the request has been sanctioned ; and if not, what is the reason for not granting the request ; whether the Government have not opened village Libraries ?

Rao Sahib Mr C. Matthai.—Yes; and the question of aiding a Public Library and Reading Room at Kunnamkulam is under consideration. Four village Libraries have been opened by the Government.

Central Ayurvedic Hospital.

85. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken by the Government with reference to the resolution passed by the Legislative Council to open a Central Ayurvedic Hospital in the State and accepted by the Government; whether proposals for opening this hospital have been submitted to the Diwan, and if so, when and by whom and what are they ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Proposals to open the hospital were submitted to the Government by the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats and the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer in 1101 and 1103. They cannot be published now. The matter is engaging the attention of the Government.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know what is the reason for not getting the report from the Chief Medical Officer till 1103, since the Government have received the report from the Superintendent of Agricultre in 1101 ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—On some special points further information was needed, and, therefore, further reports have to be called.

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